

PATENT

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Applicant : James B. Dale  
 Application No. : 09/151,409  
 Filed : September 10, 1998  
 For : GROUP A STREPTOCOCCAL VACCINES

Docket No. : 481112.410

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
 Washington, DC 20231

ELECTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 3.71 AND 3.73 AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

The undersigned, being Assignee of the entire interest in the above-identified application by virtue of an Assignment filed concurrently herewith, hereby elects, under 37 C.F.R. § 3.71, to prosecute the application to the exclusion of the inventor.

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 3.73, the undersigned duly authorized designee of Assignee certifies that the evidentiary documents have been reviewed, specifically the Assignment to The University of Tennessee Research Corporation filed concurrently herewith for recording, a copy of which is attached hereto, and certifies that to the best of my knowledge and belief, title remains in the name of the Assignee.

The University of Tennessee Research Corporation  
ASSIGNEE

11-6-98  
DATE

  
Ann J. Roberson  
President

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VERIFIED STATEMENT (DECLARATION) CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS  
(37 C.F.R. §§ 1.9(f) AND 1.27(d) -- NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION)

I declare that I am an official empowered to act on behalf of the nonprofit organization identified below:

Name of Organization: The University of Tennessee Research Corporation  
Address of Organization: 1534 White Avenue, Suite 403  
Knoxville, Tennessee 37996-1527

TYPE OF ORGANIZATION:

- ☐ university or other institution of higher education
- ☒ tax exempt under Internal Revenue Service Code (26 U.S.C. §§ 501(a) and 501(c)(3))
- ☐ nonprofit scientific or educational under statute of a state of the United States of America  
(Name of state: \_\_\_\_\_)  
(Citation of statute: \_\_\_\_\_)
- ☐ would qualify as tax exempt under Internal Revenue Service Code (26 U.S.C. §§ 501(a) and 501(c)(3)) if located in the United States of America
- ☐ would qualify as nonprofit scientific or educational under statute of a state of the United States of America if located in the United States of America  
(Name of state: \_\_\_\_\_)  
(Citation of statute: \_\_\_\_\_)

I declare that the above-identified nonprofit organization qualifies as a nonprofit organization as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.9(e) for purposes of paying reduced fees under 35 U.S.C. §§ 41(a) and 41(b) with regard to the invention entitled:

**GROUP A STREPTOCOCCAL VACCINES**

by inventor James B. Dale \_\_\_\_\_  
as described in:

- ☐ the specification filed herewith.  
☒ Application No. 09/151,409, filed September 10, 1998.  
☐ Patent No. \_\_\_\_\_, issued \_\_\_\_\_.

I declare that rights under contract or law have been conveyed to and remain with the nonprofit organization with regard to the above-identified invention.

If the rights held by the nonprofit organization are not exclusive, each individual, concern or organization having rights to the invention is listed below and no rights to the invention are held by any person, other than the inventor, who could not qualify as an independent inventor under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9(c) or by any concern which would not qualify as a small business concern under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9(d) or a nonprofit organization under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9(e).\*

\*NOTE: Separate verified statements are required from each named person, concern and organization having rights to the invention averring to his/its status as a small entity. (37 C.F.R. § 1.27)

FULL NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

- ☐ individual  
☐ small business concern  
☐ nonprofit organization

FULL NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

- ☐ individual  
☐ small business concern  
☐ nonprofit organization

I acknowledge the duty to file, in this application or patent, notification of any change in status resulting in loss of entitlement to small entity status prior to paying, or at the time of paying, the earlier of the issue fee or any maintenance fee due after the date on which status as a small entity is no longer appropriate. (37 C.F.R. § 1.28(b))


I declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further, that these statements were made with the knowledge that the making of willfully false statements and the like is punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and may jeopardize the validity of the application, any patent issuing thereon, or any patent to which this verified statement is directed.

NAME OF PERSON SIGNING Ann J. Roberson

TITLE IN ORGANIZATION President

ADDRESS OF PERSON SIGNING 1534 White Avenue, Suite 403

Memphis, Tennessee 37996-1527

SIGNATURE  DATE 11-6-98


## ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, I, James B. Dale (hereinafter referred to as ASSIGNOR), having a post office address of 72 Lombardi Road, Memphis, Tennessee 38111, am the sole inventor of an invention entitled "GROUP A STREPTOCOCCAL VACCINES," as described and claimed in the specification for which an application for United States letters patent was filed on September 10, 1998, and assigned Application No. 09/151,409 which claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application 481112.410P1, filed September 12, 1997; and

WHEREAS, The University of Tennessee Research Corporation (hereinafter referred to as ASSIGNEE), a corporation of the State of Tennessee having a place of business at 1534 White Avenue, Suite 403, Knoxville, Tennessee 37996-1527, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to the invention and in and to any letters patent that may be granted therefor in the United States and in any and all foreign countries;

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, ASSIGNOR hereby sells, assigns and transfers unto said ASSIGNEE the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention, said application and any and all letters patent which may be granted for said invention in the United States of America and its territorial possessions and in any and all foreign countries, and in any and all divisions, reissues and continuations thereof, including the right to file foreign applications directly in the name of ASSIGNEE and to claim priority rights deriving from said United States application to which said foreign applications are entitled by virtue of international convention, treaty or otherwise, said invention, application and all letters patent on said invention to be held and enjoyed by ASSIGNEE and its successors and assigns for their use and benefit and of their successors and assigns as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by ASSIGNOR had this assignment, transfer and sale not been made. ASSIGNOR hereby authorizes and requests the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue all letters patent on said invention to ASSIGNEE. ASSIGNOR agrees to execute all instruments and documents required for the making and prosecution of applications for United States and foreign letters patent on said invention, for litigation regarding said letters patent, or for the purpose of protecting title to said invention or letters patent therefor.

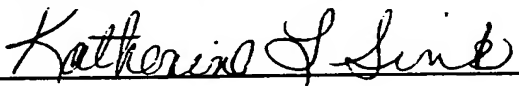
Nov 16, 1998  
Date

  
James B. Dale

State of TENNESSEE  
County of SEKELBY

SS.

I certify that I know or have satisfactory evidence that James B. Dale is the person who appeared before me, and said person acknowledged that he signed this instrument and acknowledged it to be his free and voluntary act for the uses and purposes mentioned in the instrument.

Dated November 16, 1998  
Signature of Notary Public   
Printed Name KATHERINE L. SINK  
My appointment expires My Commission Expires July 11, 1999